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SUBJECT: PRESS ASPECTS OF SCENARIO FOR SECRETARY'S  
VISIT TO LONLON MARCH 31-APRIL 1. 1977  
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1. WE HAVE RECEIVED THE THINKING OF THE FCO AND 10  
DOWNING STREET NEWS DEPARTMENTS REGARDING THE PRESS  
SCENARIO FOR THE SECRETARY'S VISIT. THEY DO NOT HAVE  
DECISIONS YET REGARDING THESE MATTERS FROM THE PRIME  
MINISTER OR THE FOREIGN SECRETARY SO THE ARRANGEMENTS  
ARE STILL TENTATIVE. THEY WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING  
IMMEDIATELY IF ANY OF THEIR SUGGESTED ARRANGEMENTS RUN  
CONTRARY TO THE SECRETARY'S WISHES. THEY EXPECT TO BE  
BACK IN TOUCH WITH US WITH FIRM DECISIONS EARLY NEXT WEEK.

2. TAKING THE EVENTS IN TURN:  
A. ARRIVAL - SINCE THERE WILL BE NO FORMAL ARRIVAL  
CEREMONY INVOLVING THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, THEY BELIEVE  
AS DO WE THAT IT WOULD MAKE SENSE FOR THE SECRETARY  
AFTER HE DESCENDS FROM THE AIRPLANE TO COME OVER TO THE  
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ASSEMBLED PRESS, MAKE VERY BRIEF, INFORMAL REMARKS AND  
TAKE A VERY FEW BRIEF QUESTIONS.

B. MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER - THEY ARE THINKING IN  
TERMS OF A BRIEF PHOTO CALL INSIDE ON A POOL BASIS.  
(WE ASSUME THERE ARE NO PHOTOGRAPHERS IN SECRETARY'S  
PARTY WHO WOULD NEED TO COVER THIS AND THAT U.S. PICTURE

AGENCIES HERE WOULD COVER). AFTERWARDS, THE PRIME MINISTER MIGHT COME OUT WITH THE SECRETARY ED SAY GOODBYE ON THE FRONT STEPS OF NUMBER 10. AT MOST THERE MIGHT BE BRIEF, VERY INFORMAL, REMARKS AT THIS POINT AND THE PRINCIPALS MIGHT TAKE A FEW, BRIEF QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS.

C. MEETINGS WITH EMBASSY STAFF -- THE BRITISH, OF COURSE, HAVE HAD NO ADVICE TO OFFER ON THIS. THERE COULD BE SOME WRITING PRESS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS ASSEMBLED OUTSIDE THE EMBASSY WHEN THE SECRETARY COMES IN AND OUT. IF HE COULD STOP VERY BRIEFLY FOR A PICTURE AND PERHAPS TAKE A QUESTION OR TWO, THIS WOULD BE HELPFUL. IF HE WALKS, THEY MAY ACCOMPANY HIM.

D. MEETING AND LUNCH WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY -- FCO HAS IN MIND A PHOTO CALL INSIDE AT THE BEGINNING, AGAIN ON A POOL BASIS. AFTER THE LUNCH, RATHER THAN A FORMAL PRESS CONFERENCE, THEY BELIEVE THE MOST SENSIBLE THING WOULD BE FOR THE FOREIGN SECRETARY AND THE SECRETARY TO COME OUTSIDE, SAY A FEW BRIEF WORDS, TAKE A FEW BRIEF QUESTIONS, THEN SAY GOODBYE.

E. DEPARTURE -- THERE SEEMS TO BE NO NEED FOR ANY /  
DEPARTURE STATEMENT OR MEETING WITH PRESS AT AIRPORT. THERE MAY BE A FEW PHOTOGRAPHERS AT THE AIRPORT TO RECORD THE SECRETARY'S DEPARTURE.

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